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In re Application of: )  
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**Larry V. Streepy, Jr.** )  
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Serial No.: **Unassigned** ) Art Unit: **2172**  
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For: **Method and System for Interfacing** )  
**With A Multi-Level Data Structure** )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, which is a divisional of the parent patent application filed on April 9, 2001 and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 09/829,461 on behalf of the inventor Larry V. Streepy, Jr., please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.

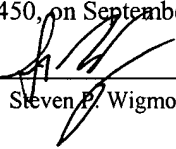
**AMENDMENT**

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